

57 El Quetzal: Craft--Feather Art

The quetzal bird is a sacred animal for both the Aztecs and Mayas. The quetzal lives mostly in Southern Mexico and Central America. You are going to make a pretty bird with this feather art craft.

Materials:

black construction paper
brown, yellow, blue, and red paints
pointed and flat paint brushes
feathers
glue

Instructions:

1. Take a black piece of paper.
2. With the pointed brush, paint a branch with the brown and yellow paints.
3. Make green paint by mixing the yellow and blue paint together. Paint green leaves with the flat brush.
4. Paint red flowers with the pointed brush.
5. Draw an oval, a circle, and a triangle to make the quetzal. Add a beak and eyes.
6. Glue on the feathers to decorate the tail and to make wings for the quetzal.

